

DRAFT Outline

# Second Increment Goals and Objectives

## KEY

- Highlighted text needs to be revisited once we know FA OA.
- Red/Blue text indicates SPG changes.

**Goal 1:** Incrementally achieve and sustain a fully appropriated condition.

### Objectives:

1. Offset impacts of streamflow depletions to (A) surface water appropriations and (B) water wells constructed in aquifers dependent upon recharge from streamflow to the extent those depletions are due to water use initiated after July 1, 1997.
2. Actively pursue funding for offsets and develop and maintain data and analytical tools, such as the Cooperative Hydrology Study (COHYST) and other programs and projects needed to implement this Plan.
3. Continue to develop the methodology to calculate the difference between the current and fully appropriated levels of development in each NRD.
4. Conduct a technical analysis as described in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-715(5)(d)(iii) for this Plan and the individual Platte River Basin NRDs' integrated management plans (IMPs) after they have been in effect for at least five years, to determine whether the controls adopted in the respective plans or other management actions taken by the NRD are sufficient to offset depletions due to post- July 1, 1997, water uses and whether the provisions of this Plan and the IMPs are adequate to sustain progress toward a fully appropriated level of water use.
5. Use available funds to offset depletions due to water uses initiated prior to July 1, 1997, that are identified as part of the overall difference between current and fully appropriated levels of development.
6. Update and continue~~Adopt and~~ implementing IMPs in each Platte River Basin NRD.

**Goal 2:** Prevent or mitigate human-induced reductions in the flow of a river or stream that would cause noncompliance with an interstate compact or decree or other formal state contract or agreement.

Objectives:

1. Prevent human-induced streamflow depletions that would cause noncompliance by Nebraska with the Nebraska New Depletions Plan (NDP) included within the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (Program), for as long as the Program exists.

**Goal 3:** Keep the Plan current.

Objectives:

1. Meet at least annually to review progress toward achieving the goals and objectives of this Plan and those portions of individual NRD IMPs that implement this Plan.
2. Gather and evaluate data and information to measure the effectiveness of controls, incentives and/or other programs in the individual NRD IMPs used to implement this Plan.

**Goal 4:** Work cooperatively to identify and investigate disputes between ground water users and surface water appropriators and, if determined appropriate, implement management solutions to address such issues.

Objectives:

1. Identify disputes between ground water users and surface water appropriators.
2. Investigate and address issues between ground water users and surface water appropriators, based on investigation results.

**Goal 5:** Partner with municipalities and industries to maximize conservation and water use efficiency.

Objectives:

1. [tie to 46-740]

**Goal 6: Work to maintain economic viability of users within the basin.**

Objectives:

1. Increase sustainability under cyclical and geographic supply conditions.
  - A. Identify storage opportunities
  - B. Conjunctive management
  - C. Continue to encourage diversity in revenue streams (hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, cattle, alternative crops, hydro, etc.)
  - D. Develop strategies for drought
  - E. Continued support of advancing technological practices; efficiency of use
  
2. Establish and monitor consistent indicators of economic viability

List of topics to be addressed in the 2nd Increment:

<p><u>Administrative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisit order of goals</li> <li>• Define FA (unknown numbers)</li> <li>• Timeline; number of increments</li> <li>• Meter the whole state?</li> </ul>	<p><u>General Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversight</li> <li>• Monitor progress (score sheet)</li> <li>• Improved model for lower reaches</li> <li>• Accounting for surface water appropriators</li> <li>• Offsets based on timing and locations</li> </ul>
<p><u>Economic, Social, Environmental</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food &amp; clean water for future generations</li> <li>• Water quality</li> <li>• Fish, Wildlife, park lands</li> <li>• Check valves on wells</li> <li>• Economic analysis (scenarios)</li> <li>• Management of the Resource</li> <li>• Funding Variability</li> </ul>	<p><u>New Sections / Additional</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drought conditions</li> <li>• Storage capacity &amp; maintenance</li> <li>• Conjunctive Management (ground &amp; surface)</li> <li>• Power</li> </ul>